

# Ben's Sandbox Syllabus

## Instructor Information

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## General Information

### Description

Welcome to my Sandbox Course. This fictional 8-week course will demonstrate how to configure the Moodle gradebook to reflect your real-life syllabus. Note in the Course Grade table below all graded items are listed. You don't actually need to do these assignments – just follow along as I add them to my Moodle gradebook!

### Expectations and Goals

Follow along with the Virtual Learning Center course as I add assignments, quizzes, grade items, and grade categories to capture assessment of students taking the fictional course associated with this syllabus.

## Course Materials

### Required Materials

A computer with a web browser and internet access.

### Optional Materials

A Moodle course in which you have the teacher role so you can practice working with the Moodle gradebook.

### Required Text

None!

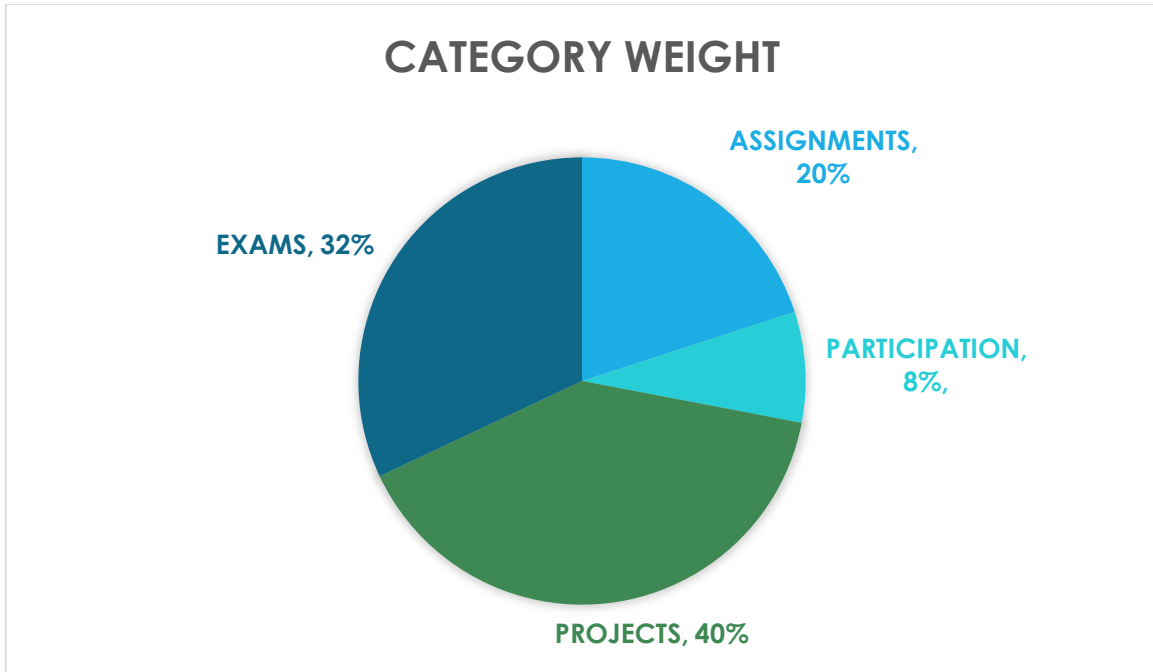
## Course Schedule

Week	Assignments
1	Discussion 1 Assignment 1
2	Discussion 2 Assignment 2
3	Discussion 3 Group Project 1
4	Discussion 4 Assignment 3 <b>Midterm Exam</b>
5	Discussion 5 Assignment 4
6	Discussion 6 Group Project 2
7	Discussion 7 Final Group Project
8	Discussion 8 <b>Final Exam</b>

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>CATEGORY TOTAL</b>	<b>GRADE ITEM</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<b>ASSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>200</b>	Assignment 1	50
		Assignment 2	50
		Assignment 3	50
		Assignment 4	50
<b>DISCUSSION PARTICIPATION</b>	<b>80</b>	Week 1 Discussion	10
		Week 2 Discussion	10
		Week 3 Discussion	10
		Week 4 Discussion	10
		Week 5 Discussion	10
		Week 6 Discussion	10
		Week 7 Discussion	10
		Week 8 Discussion	10
<b>GROUP PROJECTS</b>	<b>400</b>	Group Project 1	100
		Group Project 2	100
		Final Group Project	200
<b>EXAMS</b>	<b>320</b>	Midterm Exam	140
		Final Exam	180
<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b>	<b>1000</b>		1000

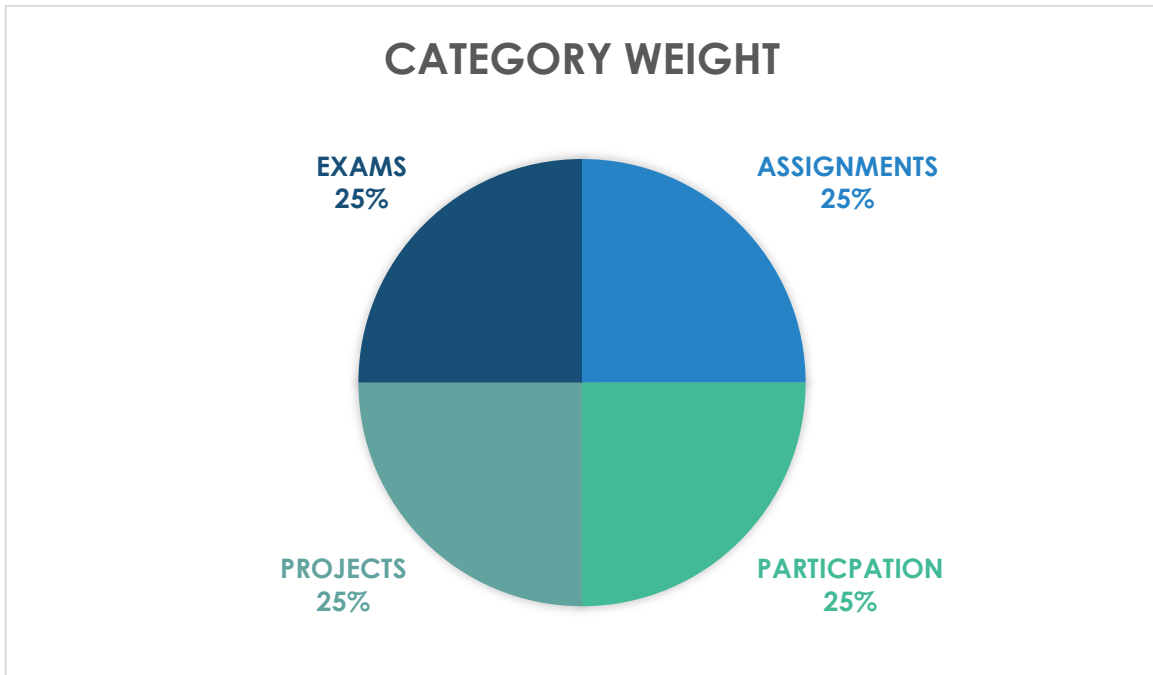
## SIMPLE SUM GRADE WIEGHT BREAKDOWN

IN A SIMPLE SUM GRADING SCHEME, EACH GRADE ITEM IS SIMPLY WORTH THE AMOUNT OF POINTS EARNED RELATIVE TO THE TOTAL AVAILABLE POINTS IN THE CLASS. FOR EXAMPLE, A STUDENT CAN SCORE 320 TOTAL POINTS ON BOTH EXAMS, SO THE EXAMS CATEGORY IS WORTH  $320/1000$  OR 32% OF THE FINAL GRADE.



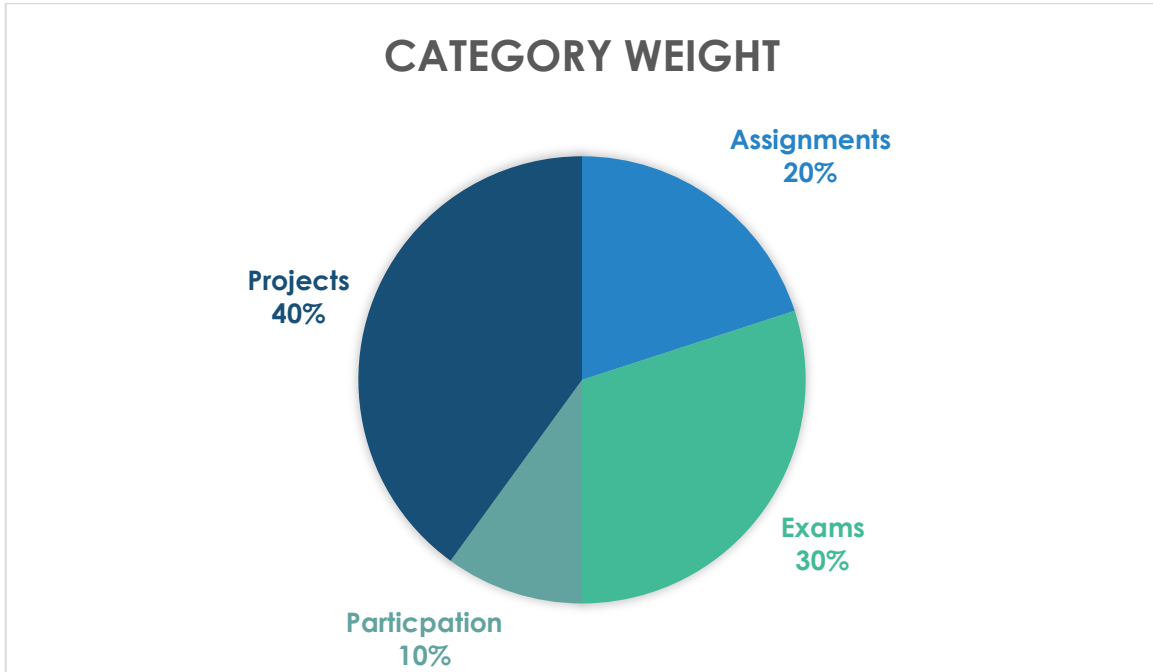
## SIMPLE MEAN GRADE WEIGHT BREAKDOWN

IN A SIMPLE MEAN GRADING SCENARIO, EACH CATEGORY IS SET TO THE SAME WEIGHT. SO THE FINAL GRADE IS THE MEAN AVERAGE OF THE STUDENT'S PERFORMANCE IN EACH CATEGORY.



## SIMPLE WEIGHTED CATEGORIES GRADE BREAKDOWN

USING WEIGHTED CATEGORIES, AN INSTRUCTOR CAN DECIDE EXACTLY HOW MUCH EACH GRADE ITEM OR GRADE CATEGORY IS WEIGHTED IN THE COURSE. IF FOR EXAMPLE I WANT MY CATEGORIES TO BE WEIGHTED TO BE ROUND NUMBERS, I CAN ADJUST THE PARTICIPATION CATEGORY WEIGHT FROM 8% TO 10% AND THE EXAMS FROM 32% TO 30%. BECAUSE THE CATEGORY WEIGHTS STILL EQUAL 100% THE OTHER GRADE CATEGORY WEIGHTS ARE UNNEFFECTED.



## SIMPLE WEIGHTED CATEGORIES EXAMPLE 2

IF I OVERRIDE THE WEIGHT OF JUST ONE ITEM, THE MOODLE GRADEBOOK WILL AUTOMTICALLY ADJUST THE REMAINING GRADE CATEGORIES TO RETAIN THEIR WEIGHT RELATIVE TO EACH OTHER. IN THE EXAMPLE BELOW I HAVE WEIGHTED EXAMS AT 50% OF THE TOTAL GRADE, AND THE OTHER CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED AUTOMATICALLY.

